

National Institute on Redistricting

Session V: Community Mobilization Strategies

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Community mobilization strategy for redistricting

Know the Process

• Be aware of the redistricting timeline and process

Focus on strengths

 Leverage existing organizational expertise and resources to mobilize your community

Know your community

- Be familiar with your community's 2001 redistricting experience, and prior cycles if possible
- Identify demographic and geographic changes during the past decade

Develop partnerships for collaboration

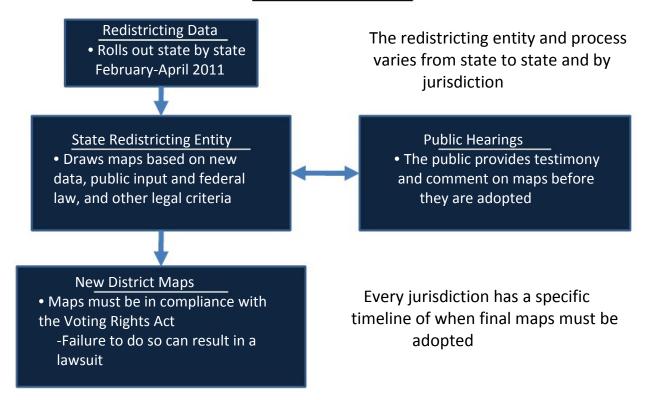
• Identify other organizations that have similar goals to yours

Participate in the public process!

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Process at State Level





- Identify demographic and geographic changes in the last decade
 - Trends in growth
 - Changes in neighborhood Geography
- Know what street boundaries define your community
 - Need to articulate what your neighborhood/community is for hearings
- Establish community priorities
 - What issues are important to your community



Develop partnerships for collaboration



Redistricting does not happen in isolation

- Identify areas for collaboration based on your community priorities, motivations and organizational strengths
- Identify other groups working on redistricting
- Understand the motivations of others
 - As a nonprofit you need to make sure nonpartisan
- -Understand the strengths of organizations
 - Collecting data, community mobilization, etc
- Establish a unified message as communities of color: 1) the VRA, (2) Communities of Interest, (3) community input, and (4) transparency.

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Participate in the Public Process!

- Show up at public hearings
- Submit public testimony
- Monitor progress of public process



Let's not get left out, these lines will govern us for the next 10 years!

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